



Horse Riding and Trekking Tour

Kyrgyzstan Horse Riding Tour Information

Experience the breathtaking beauty of Kyrgyzstan on our horseback tour. Over 8 days, journey through stunning mountain valleys, alpine meadows, and crystal-clear lakes as you ride ancient nomadic trails. Stay in traditional yurts, explore the iconic Song-Kol and Ysyk-Kol lakes, trek through scenic gorges, and immerse yourself in the rich culture and warm hospitality of Kyrgyz nomads. This active adventure perfectly blends thrilling horseback riding with unforgettable natural and cultural experiences.

TOUR DETAILS

Period

May - October

Tour length

8 days, 7 nights

Activities

3 days of horse riding and 2 days of trekking

Price from

1,127 USD per person for a group of 4 pax

TOUR ITINERARY

Day 1. Scenic drive to Kyzyl-Oi Village



- Begin your journey early in the morning from Bishkek, the capital city of Kyrgyzstan, to maximize the day. You'll head west, passing through villages then start the ascent toward the [Too-Ashuu pass](#) (3600m).
- This is a dramatic and scenic section of the road, where the steep slopes and breathtaking views of the mountains offer ample photo opportunities.
- After spending some time enjoying the view, you'll continue the descent toward the **Suusamyр valley**
- After driving through the pass, you'll arrive near the [Koko-Meren River](#), a serene and scenic location that is perfect for a picnic. Take a break, enjoy a meal, and relax by the river, surrounded by nature.
- Continuing your journey, you will pass through several picturesque Kyrgyz villages along the way.
- By the afternoon, you'll reach the charming **Kyzyl-Oi Village**, a small rural settlement nestled among the mountains.
- In the evening, you'll enjoy a traditional Kyrgyz dinner at a local guesthouse. After dinner, retire to your guesthouse for a restful overnight stay. The tranquil mountain setting is perfect for a peaceful night's sleep, surrounded by nature.

NOTES & RECOMMENDATIONS:

You can start the tour until 1:00 PM.

Transfer:

Total: 200 km – 4-5 h.

Asphalt: 140 km

Dirt road: 60 km

Meals: Lunch-picnic, dinner at guesthouse

Overnight: Guesthouse

WC: Sharing WC inside

Shower: Available

Internet: Wi-Fi

Day 2. Drive to Kyzart Village. Horse riding to Kilemche Valley



- Begin your journey early in the morning from Kyzyl Oi toward **Kyzart Village** near Song-Kol Lake.

- After lunch, at a local homestay in the village, you'll meet your horse and guide. The ride starts with a gentle, easy trail following **Chaar-Archa River**, giving you time to gain confidence and become familiar with the horse.
- By the early evening, you'll arrive at **Kilemche pasture**, a serene area where locals graze their livestock. Here, you can relax and enjoy the peaceful environment while observing the traditional nomadic way of life.
- As the sun sets, settle into a yurt for the evening. You'll enjoy a dinner prepared by local hosts, with a chance to interact with them and learn more about their culture. The night will be spent in the comfort of the yurt, surrounded by nature, offering a peaceful and authentic experience of rural Kyrgyzstan.

NOTES & RECOMMENDATIONS

– No prior horse-riding experience is required.

– You will leave your large bag at the guesthouse in Kyzart and take only a smaller backpack with essential items and clothing for the next two days. Your bag will be delivered the following day by car.

Transfer:

Total: 90 km – 2 h

Asphalt: 60 km

Dirt road: 30 km

Horse riding: 21 km – 4–5 h

Meals:

Breakfast at the guesthouse

Lunch at the guesthouse

dinner at the yurt

Overnight: Yurt (2700m)

WC: Sharing WC

Shower: No

Internet: No

Day 3. Horse riding to Song-Kol Lake



- Today's route takes you toward the **Jalgыз-Karagay Pass**, which rises to 3400 meters, offering a challenging yet rewarding climb.
- Once you reach the top of the pass at 3300 meters, you're treated to a breathtaking vista of the **Song-Kol Lake** below, nestled between majestic mountain ranges.
- After a break to relax and allow the horses to graze, you begin your descent toward the yurt camp by Song-Kol Lake. As you reach the lakeshore, you arrive at the traditional yurt camp, where you'll be welcomed with a **warm lunch**.
- After the meal, you'll have the opportunity to take a relaxed ride along the lake's western shore. The terrain is gentle and scenic, offering beautiful views of the crystal-clear waters and the surrounding natural beauty.
- As you ride further west along the lake, you reach another yurt camp, home to a local **nomadic Kyrgyz family**. This visit provides a chance to observe their traditional way of life, from herding livestock to producing dairy products. After this peaceful ride, you arrive at the yurt camp for a hearty Kyrgyz dinner, served with the warmth of local hospitality. The day ends with a restful overnight stay in the yurt, surrounded by the serene landscape of Song-Kol Lake.

NOTES & RECOMMENDATIONS

– Although daytime temperatures can be warm at Song-Kol Lake, evenings can get chilly, so be sure to bring warm clothing.

Horse Riding: 23 km – 5–6 h

Meals: Breakfast, lunch, and dinner at yurt

Overnight: yurt 3100m
WC: Shared, outside
Shower: No
Internet: No internet access

Day 4. Ride Back to Kyzart & Drive to Ysyk-Kol Lake



- Depart from Song-Kol Lake early in the morning, riding along a scenic trail towards Kara-Kiya Pass (3,300m). The ride offers breathtaking views of the lake, surrounding alpine meadows, and grazing animals. As you ascend, the terrain becomes steeper, with Kara-Kiya Pass standing at 3,400 meters.
- After reaching the top of Kara-Kiya Pass, descend towards Kyzart village, passing through lush valleys and rolling hills. The gentle descent provides a pleasant end to the horse ride, allowing you to enjoy the panoramic views of the valley below
- Enjoy a hearty Kyrgyz meal at a local guesthouse and embark on a 3-hour drive to Bokonbaev village, located on the southern shore of Ysyk-Kol Lake. The route offers stunning views of the lake, framed by the Tien Shan Mountains, providing a relaxing conclusion to your day of adventure.

- Upon arrival at Bokonbaev, enjoy a warm and welcoming dinner at the guesthouse, featuring traditional Kyrgyz dishes

NOTES & RECOMMENDATIONS

– Bokonbaev is located a bit farther from the lake shore. If you prefer to stay closer to the lake, please confirm with your tour manager — yurt accommodation options are available by the lake.

Horse Riding: 20 km – 4–5 h

Transfer: 200 km – 3–4 h (**Asphalt:** 200 km)

Meals: Breakfast at yurt, Lunch & dinner at guesthouse

Overnight: Guesthouse

WC: Shared

Shower: Available

Internet: Wi-Fi available

Day 5. Explore the south shore of Ysyk-Kol Lake



- Begin your day with a meeting the local eagle hunter – burkutchu for a demonstration of eagle hunting process. This captivating experience offers a unique glimpse into Kyrgyzstan’s cultural heritage and the enduring art of eagle hunting.

- From here, head towards the Fairy Tale Canyons, a fascinating natural attraction known for its surreal, vibrant sandstone formations. Take a short hike through the canyons to fully appreciate the rock formations. It's a good place to take photos.
- Enjoy the traditional Russian lunch in Tamga village from the local Russian family.
- Head to Barskoon Gorge, which is known for its stunning views and the impressive Barskoon Waterfalls. Walk along the gorge and enjoy the waterfalls. You can take a peaceful moment by the water, relax, and enjoy the quiet beauty of the area.
- From Barskoon Gorge, drive towards Jety-Oguz, famous for its red rock formations and stunning landscapes. The Jety-Oguz Red Mountains are one of Kyrgyzstan's most recognizable natural landmarks, with red sandstone cliffs that create a striking contrast with the green valleys
- Arrive in Karakol by late afternoon or early evening, where you can relax and unwind after a day of exploring the natural beauty of the region. Top of the day with a delightful taste of traditional Kyrgyz cuisine at top-ranked restaurant Dastorkon.

NOTES & RECOMMENDATIONS

- The eagle hunting experience is a demonstration with explanations and staged hunting on animal skins. Real hunting on horseback is only available in winter.
- The eagle hunting demonstration is optional — if you prefer, you can skip it.

Transfer:

Total: 150 km – 3–4 h
 Asphalt: 120 km
 Dirt road: 30 km

Meals:

Breakfast at the guesthouse,
 Lunch at the guesthouse,
 Dinner at a restaurant

Overnight: Hotel

Internet: Wi-Fi

WC: Private WC

Shower: Available

Day 6. Trekking to Altyn-Arashan



- After breakfast at hotel, drive to Ak-Suu village, the starting point of your hike. From here, begin your easy trek towards Altyn-Arashan. The trail leads you through picturesque valleys, crossing streams and walking beside lush green meadows, with views of towering snow-capped peaks in the distance. The trek is manageable, suitable for most fitness levels, and offers stunning vistas of the surrounding nature.
- After a few hours of trekking, enjoy a relaxing picnic by the river, where you can rest, have lunch, and take in the serene surroundings.
- Continue trekking to Altyn-Arashan, a stunning alpine valley famous for its natural hot springs. Upon arrival, check into a local guesthouse, where you'll be able to rest and enjoy the peaceful atmosphere of this remote mountain paradise.
- After settling in, enjoy a soothing dip in the hot springs, known for their therapeutic properties. The warm, mineral-rich waters are perfect for relaxing your muscles after the trek.
- In the evening, enjoy a hearty dinner at the guesthouse

NOTES & RECOMMENDATIONS

– You'll leave your large bag or suitcase at your hotel in Karakol or in the car, and take only a backpack with essentials for the 2-day trek.

– Trek to Altyn-Arashan is easy to medium level, and you can choose either horseback riding or a ride in the famous Soviet 4×4 UAZ for an additional fee.

Transfer:

Total: 30 km – 30 min

Trekking details: Distance: 12 km – 5 h. Start point: 2000 m. Finish point: 2600 m

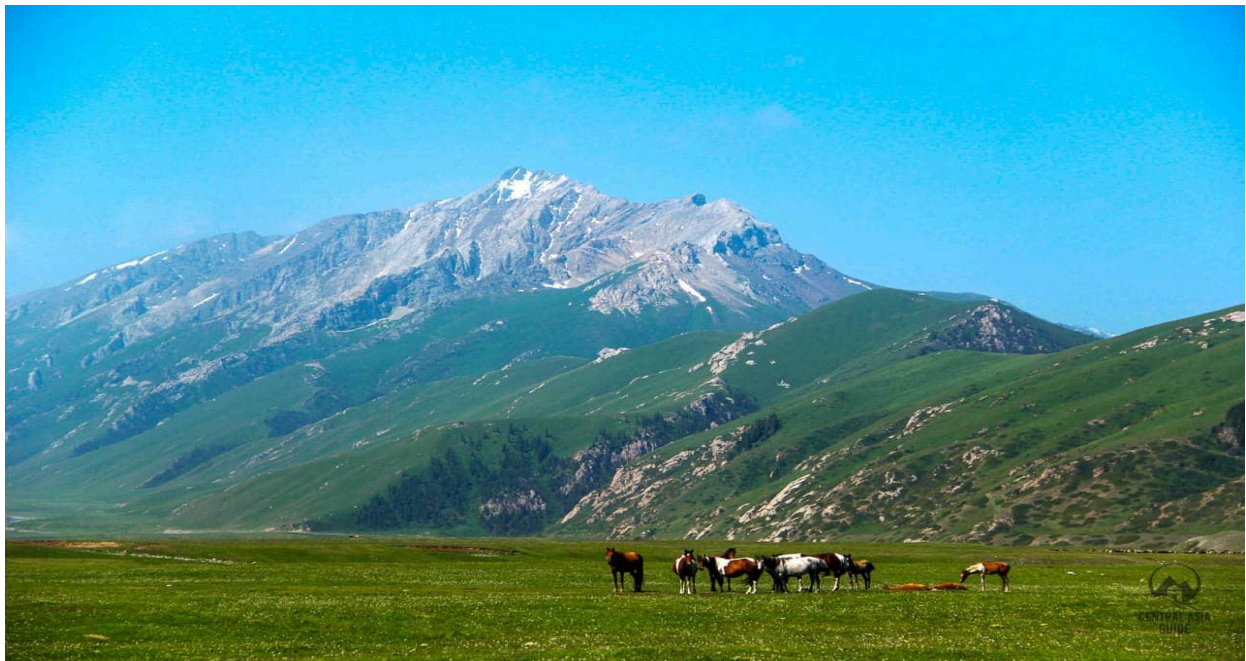
Meals:

Breakfast at hotel, lunch-picnic, dinner at guesthouse

Overnight: Guesthouse

WC: Sharing WC

Internet: Wi-Fi for fee

Day 7. Trekking back to Ak-Suu Village. Road trip to Chong-Kemin National Park

- *After breakfast at the guesthouse in Altyn-Arashan, begin your return trek to Karakol. The hike back follows the same picturesque route through lush valleys, crossing streams, and offering stunning views of the snow-capped peaks. The descent is easier, allowing you to appreciate the scenery from a different perspective, with opportunities to capture beautiful photos along the way.*
- *Upon reaching Karakol, enjoy a well-deserved lunch at a local restaurant, it's a great way to replenish your energy before the next leg of your journey.*

- *After lunch, start your drive towards Chong-Kemin National Park, following the northern shore of Ysyk-Kol Lake. This scenic drive offers breathtaking views of the lake, surrounded by dramatic mountains and picturesque valleys. The route takes you through small villages, orchards, and fields, showcasing the beautiful and diverse landscapes of the region.*
- *After a 3–4-hour drive, arrive at Chong-Kemin National Park, a stunning nature reserve known for its diverse flora and fauna. The Park is located at the foot of the Kungey Alatau Mountains and offers a tranquil environment to unwind after a day of trekking and driving.*
- *End the day with a warm dinner at the guesthouse in Chong-Kemin National Park. The cozy atmosphere and beautiful surroundings provide the perfect setting to relax and reflect on the adventures of the day.*

NOTES & RECOMMENDATIONS

– *The day is long, so we recommend starting early from Altyn-Arashan.*

Transfer:

Total: 300 km – 4-5 h.

Trekking: 12 km – 4 h.

Meals:

Breakfast at the guesthouse

Lunch at a restaurant

Dinner at the guesthouse

Overnight: *Guesthouse*

WC: *Private WC*

Shower: *Available*

Internet: *Wi-Fi*

Day 8. Back to Bishkek



- Begin your journey early in the morning with a drive back to Bishkek. The first stop is the Burana Tower, an ancient minaret dating back to the 11th century, located near the town of Tokmok. The tower is part of the ruins of the Balasagun city, once a major center along the Silk Road. Explore the site, climb to the top of the tower for panoramic views, and admire the nearby ancient balbals (stone statues).
- After visiting Burana Tower, continue your drive towards Bishkek and stop for a lunch at a roadside restaurant.
- After lunch, drive the remaining distance to Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan's capital. Upon arrival, embark on a city tour, exploring the highlights of this vibrant and bustling city.
- Ala-Too Square: Visit the central square of Bishkek, where you can see the impressive Manas Monument, dedicated to the national hero, and the surrounding fountains and statues.
- Osh Bazaar: No visit to Bishkek is complete without a trip to Osh Bazaar, one of the most famous markets in Kyrgyzstan. Wander through this lively, colorful market where you can buy fresh produce, spices, local handicrafts, and souvenirs.
- Conclude your trip with a farewell dinner with your guide at a local restaurant. Enjoy traditional Kyrgyz cuisine while reflecting on your incredible journey, sharing stories and experiences with your guide and fellow travelers. This dinner marks the end of your adventure through Kyrgyzstan's mountains, valleys, and cultural landmarks.

NOTES & RECOMMENDATIONS

– Last dinner is usually not included in the tour, but if you want to finish the tour with a farewell dinner with your guide, please make sure with your tour manager.

– Instead of a city tour in Bishkek, you can enjoy a relaxing walk in Ala-Archa National Park or opt for a more challenging trek to Kol-Tor Lake along the way

Transfer:

Total: 170 km – 3–4 h.

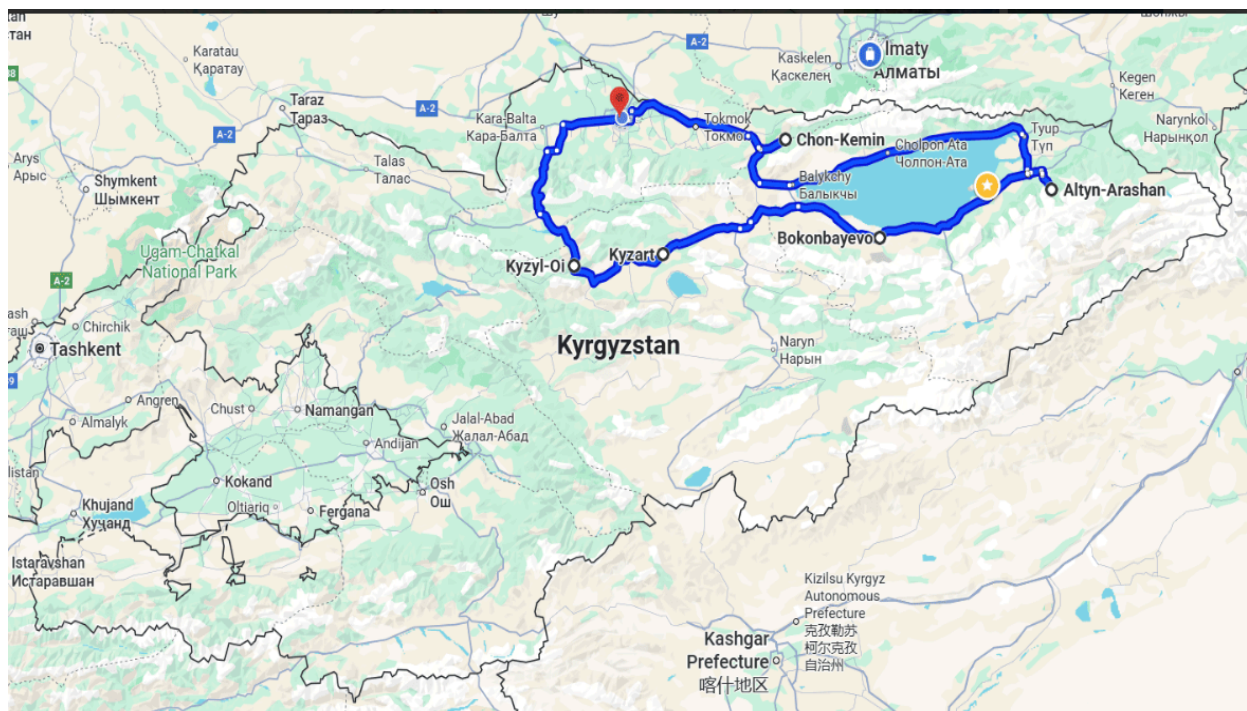
Asphalt: 170 km

Meals:

Breakfast at guesthouse

lunch at restaurant

dinner at restaurant (not included)



Tour Pricing

Number of People	Total Price (USD)	Price Per Person (USD)
1 person	2,210 USD	2,210 USD
2 people	2,922 USD	1,461 USD
3 people	3,624 USD	1,208 USD
4 people	4,508 USD	1,127 USD

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What's Include

- Transfer 4X4 with AC
- English-speaking permanent guide
- Accommodation mentioned in the program
- Full board (set menu)
- Visits mentioned in the program
- Horse riding to Song-Kol Lake
- Entrance fees

What's Not Included

- International flights
- Airport transfer
- Personal expenses
- Single room supplement
- Insurance
- Tips for the guide
- Hotel in Bishkek
- Breakfast on day 1 & dinner on last day
- Water and alcoholic drinks
- Services not mentioned as included

An additional fee applies if you wish to proceed with:

- Airport transfer – 20 USD one way per car for 1-4 people
- Eagle hunting demonstration – 70 USD per group

What to bring?

Clothing:

- Warm layers (fleece or down jacket) for chilly mornings and evenings
- Lightweight daytime clothing (t-shirts, long-sleeve shirts)
- Waterproof and windproof jacket
- Hat or cap for sun protection
- Gloves and warm socks
- Scarf or buff for wind protection

Horseback Riding:

- Long pants suitable for riding
- Comfortable trekking pants and shorts
- Riding gloves (optional)
- Lightweight, breathable clothing

Other Essentials:

- Small daypack for daily essentials
- Sunglasses and sunscreen
- Reusable water bottle
- Personal toiletries and towel
- Basic first aid kit and any personal medications
- Camera or smartphone for photos
- Power bank and charging cables
- Passport, ID, and copies of travel documents

Optional:

- Binoculars for wildlife spotting
- Light snacks for trekking
- Notebook or travel journal

Note

Guidance: You will be led by an experienced local horseman with basic English skills; guides with advanced English are available upon request.

Luggage: Large bags can be stored safely at the guesthouse in Kyzart, while essentials for the ride will be carried in saddlebags on your horse.

Check visa policy

Find your country from the list and check possible visa requirements for [Kyrgyzstan](#)

We may occasionally adjust the order of visits and activities (museums and sites) if required due to weather conditions or other unforeseen circumstances. Any changes will be made with your comfort and overall experience in mind.



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